



News about the All Souls NYC Religious Education Program

Thursday, February 16th, 2023

Sunday February 19

RE ACTIVITIES



10:00-10:45 Youth Choir



10-11 Games *All Ages*



11-12: HS Youth Group meets



11-12: RE for ages 3-8th Grade
RE Group Activity



dear families



"Enchantment lies in different things for each of us. For me, it is in this: to step out of the bright sunlight into the shade of orange trees; to walk under the arched canopy of their jade-like leaves; to see the long aisles of lichened trunks stretch ahead in a geometric rhythm; to feel the mystery of a seclusion that yet

has shafts of light striking through it. This is the essence of an ancient and secret magic. It goes back, perhaps, to the fairy tales of childhood, to Hansel and Gretel, to Babes in the Wood, to Alice in Wonderland, to all half-luminous places that pleased the imagination as a child. And after long years of spiritual homelessness, of nostalgia, here is that mystic loveliness of childhood again. Here is home. An old thread, long tangled, comes straight again."

~ Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

February break is a great time to discover new places near and far. I hope your week provides a bit of pause and relationship-building with the people and the areas right around us, of finding new enchantments in familiar exchanges of love and beauty.



Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day was initially celebrated on February 22, George Washington's birthday. Later, it was moved to the third Monday of February to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12. Finally, it was decided to use the day to honor everyone who has ever served as the president of the United States, and that's how President's Day is observed today.

a look into the classroom



Building Bridges



This past Sunday, the 4th-8th grade class — with the help of many parent chaperones — completed their Taoism unit by visiting Chinatown's Huang Da Xian Taoist Temple. They were very welcoming, and the children better understood some of the ways Taoism is practiced. Special thanks to Ling,

Joan's mom, for her translation help from Mandarin. Before heading home, the group picked up treats from a nearby bakery to enjoy at Confucius Plaza and caught a glimpse of the Lunar Parade.



Our

Youngest RE Children

This past Sunday, the children spoke about the search for truth and meaning. They told the story (with handmade puppets!) of travelers taking many paths to finding God and made "secret pictures" where we uncovered what was underneath.

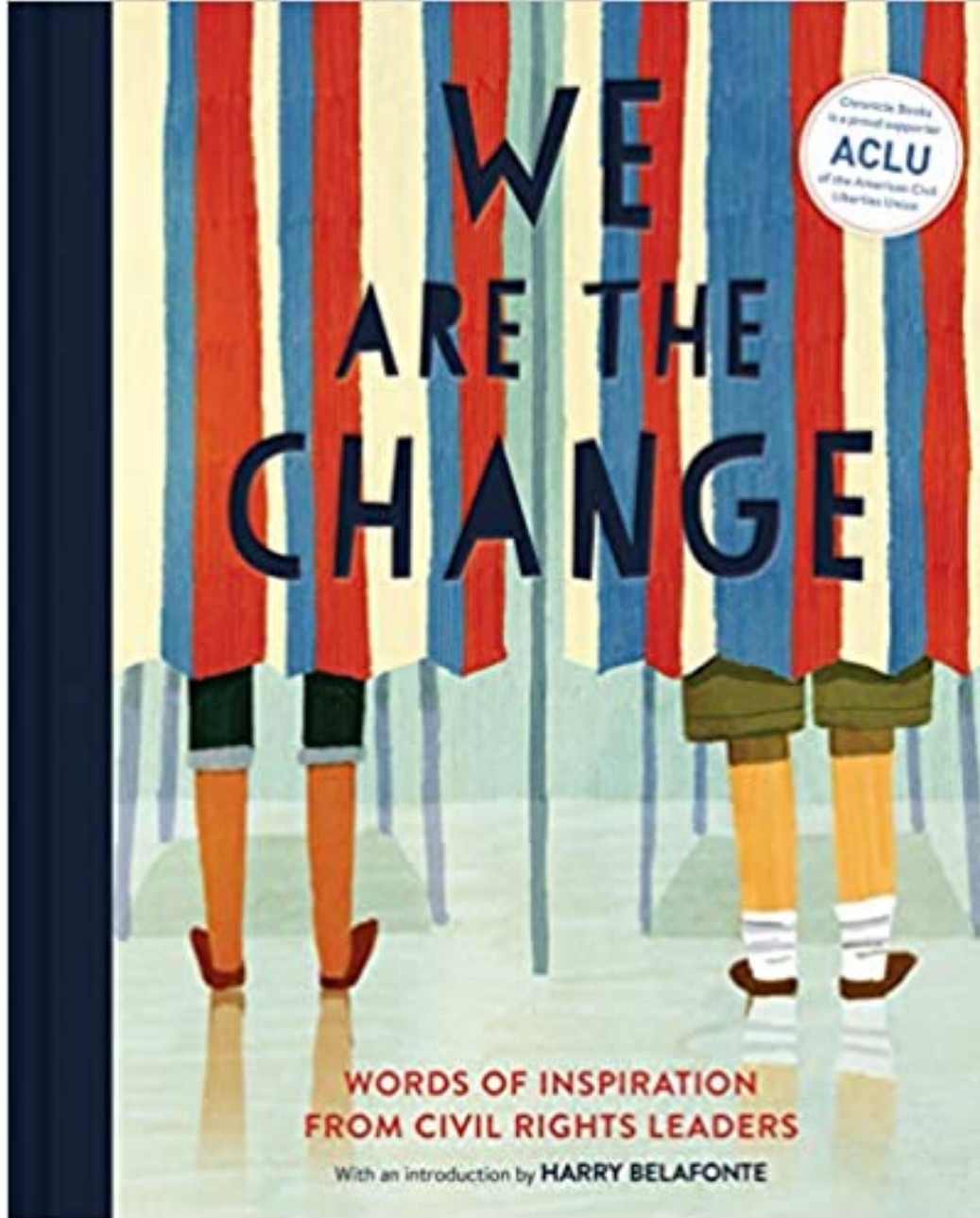
This was a huge hit and simple to try at home. Use a white crayon (or a candle) to draw a picture on cardstock. Then paint over your image with watercolors and reveal the hidden drawing beneath!



High

School Youth Group

Dr. Dale Stuckenbruck worked with the group members on their musical selection for the upcoming Youth Service. The melodious sounds of glass and saw could be heard in nearby corners and were both beautiful and ethereal.



Presidents' Day Book Suggestions

Not only are diverse children's books important for children of color (they offer them visibility, relatability, and vital moments of representation), but they're essential for all children. As we approach Presidents' Week, here are a few suggestions that I have culled that relate to leadership.

Kamala and Maya's Big Idea

Written by Kamala Harris's niece, it's an empowering true story about diverse leaders.

She Was the First!: The Trailblazing Life of Shirley Chisholm and Shirley Chisholm Is A Verb

As the first Black woman elected to Congress, Shirley Chisholm used her influence to advocate for the rights of the

marginalized. I couldn't pick between the two picture books about diverse leaders, so I'm sharing both!

Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation

The battle for Latinx families to receive equal rights and educational opportunities isn't often highlighted. Still, these diverse trailblazing leaders were crucial in setting the stage for *Brown v Board of Education*.

Of Thee, I Sing

This is former President Barack Obama's take on 13 incredible American leaders.

Kamala Harris: Rooted in Justice

This picture book is a beautiful telling of Vice President Harris's upbringing as a daughter of immigrants who became the first female, Black, and South Asian Vice President of the United States of America.

I Dissent

This book details the story of Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

V Is for Voting

Not your typical ABC book, this one brings in concepts such as racial justice and working for equality.

If I Ran for President

These children imagining themselves as diverse leaders will help spark conversations around what is required for the governance of our country.

We Are the Change: Words of Inspiration from Civil Rights Leaders

This book is beautifully illustrated with work from incredible artists and features the words of various Civil Rights leaders.

Parker Looks Up: An Extraordinary Moment

A visit to Washington, D.C.'s National Portrait Gallery forever alters Parker Curry's young life when she views First Lady Michelle Obama's portrait.

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